The Copy of

A LETTER

from

EDMUND PRIDEUX, *ESQVIRE*,

A Member of the Honourable Houſe of COMMONS, and one of the Commiſſioners of the great Seale of *England*, to a Member of the Committees, now reſiding in *Yorke*.

Wherein is ſet down many particulars touching *Bridgwater*, (more then hath formerly been related) *viz.* how many conſiderable perſons, Knights, Collonels, Serjeant-Majors, and other Officers, &c. with great ſtore of Ammunition *were taken there*.

Alſo, 14 Articles agreed and concluded upon concerning the rendition of *Pontefract* Caſtle for the uſe of King and *Parliament*.

The Copy of a Letter from Edmund Prideux *Esquire, a Member of the honourable house of Commons.*

Sir,

GOD having beene pleaſed once more in a place of ſo great importance to bleſſe the indeavours of that moſt victorious and worthy Commander Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, in the delivering the ſtrong town of *Bridgewater* unto his mercy; I held it a duty in me to publiſh and make knowne this glorious and wonderfull dealing of God with us, the particulars you will ſee in the incloſed: Let God be acknowledged in it, and to him bee aſcribed the ſole praiſe and glory: and by Gods bleſſing wee hope to

give a good account of the full and perfect reduction of the West. Prince *Charles* is in Cornwall to raise Forces there, but the Countreymen are willing to serve in their own Countrey, but loathe to go out of it: They flie from Presses, and Shelter themselves in woods. *Rupert* is at *Bristoll*, and hath imprisoned some of the chief men whom he suspected: he hath likewise laboured with the Clubmen in those parts, beseeching and intreating them once more to stand up for their King, and for their own Liberties, promising that their inland Garrisons shall be taken away, and that they shall not bee so heavily charged with Taxes for the future: but it will not prevail, and they prepare and expect for his falling on them, and are provided for him: and generally the Clubmen are now for the *Parliament*. In *Bridgewater* are taken the Governour, *alias*, Nurse *Windham*, , *sir Iohn Stoyell*, and sir *Iohn Digby* the Lord *Digbies* brother, and three others Knights, 6 Collonels,

nels, 14 Lieutenant-Collonels and Sergeant Majors, 100 Captaines, Lieutenants and other Officers, forty Gentlemen of note, two thousand prisoners at least, 800 Horse, 36 peeces of Ordnance, which is a great losse unto them, being all *Gorings* Traine, so as now they have not any to take the field: five thousand Armes, and all *Gorings* Carriages, Bagge and Baggage that were gone to *Bridgwater*, and much plunder for the Souldiers, being taken by force, in which our losse was very small, not nine killed, and few wounded: this is a great mercy and ought to be taken notice of, and for such purpose is it written by

24 July 1645 *Your affection friend, and ready servant,*

Edmund Prideux.

* The inclosed (before spoken of) is printed, the Title whereof is, *The taking of Bridgwater, &c.*

Articles agreed upon, and concluded, July 21. 1645.

I.

THat the Castle, with all Ordinance, Ammunition, provisions for warre, and other things therein (save what shall be granted in the ensuing Articles) shall upon the one and twentieth of this instant, by three of the Clocke in the afternoon, be rendered up to the Generall or whom he shall appoint to receive the same, without any concealment or spoyl: and perfect Lists to be given of the said Ordinance, Ammunition, & provisions forthwith upon the close of this *Treaty*.

II. That the Powder-Mill and Corn-Mill shall be left in such repair and state as they were at the beginning of the Treaty, and all the Colours left which were taken from the Besiegers.

3. That the Govenour, all Officers, not under the degree of a Lieutenant of Horse, and a Captain of Foot shall march forth with their Horse, Swords and Pistols, the inferior standing Officers of 7 Companies, with their own proper swords, Holberd and Partisons respectively, according to their severall places: & 400 common Souldiers, half with Muskets, half with Pikes, colours flying, Drums beating, Matches lighted at both ends, with Bullet in their mouth, six shots of powder apeece to every Muskettier, with Match and Ball proportionable.

IIII. That all persons marching forth of the Castle shall have liberty to carry forth with them all their proper wearing apparell and money:

ney: and that all Gentlemen and Officers shall have liberty to carry with them their proper Plate, money, and apparell: and the Governour sir *John Ramsden*, Mr *Pickering*, *Mr Ray*, *Mr Lister*, *Mr Olye*, *Mr Buchanon* and Mr *Hurst*, to have all their own books respectively. But none to carry away any thing but what did properly belong to them at the beginning of this *treaty*.

V. That none shall bee inforced to march above ten miles a day, nor are they to march under seven, if the weather will permit. That they shall have free quarter in their march, a sufficient convoy also within four miles of *Newark*, to serve them in and upon their march and quarters from all plundering, injury and wrong whatsoever, provided they march under the protection thereof without straggling: and that the convoy may safely return to Doncaster.

VI. The Governour to have one Carriage for what belongs to himselfe, as is above granted, three for the wounded and sick, and forty Horses to be provided and brought in to the severall quarters every day, at the charge of those who are to have them respectively, at the rate of 12.d. a horse *per diem*, to be every night restored to the respective Owners, or whom they appoint to receive the same, and especiall care to be taken by the Commander of the Convoy for the provision of quarters, and the timely bringing in of Horses, and Carriages, as aforesaid.

VII. That all persons in the Castle may have liberty to repaire to, and live at their own Houses, or any other places within the Parliaments quarters, with liberty to their persons, and freedome to their Estates, according to the Lawes of the Land, and Ordinances of *Parliament*, and to have passes and Protections accordingly, when the same shall be desired.

VIII. That no man entice any Officer or souldier with any promise of preferment or reward, on either Side.

IX. That the Mayor & Aldermen of *Pontefract* and all other Inhabitants of that Town, now in the Castle, may repaire to and live at their own houses, or any other places within the Par-

liaments Quarters, with liberty to their persons, freedome to their Estates, and enjoyment of their priviledges according to the Lawes of the Land, and Ordinances of *Parliament*.

X. That all those that are in the Castle shall have the like benefit of the Ordinance of Sequestrations for the reliefe of their Wives and Children, as belongs to other men, according to the purport of that Ordinance,

XI. That the Mayor, Aldermen and Corporation of the Town of *Pontefract* may have free liberty to take and carry away all Charters, Records, Writings, and Ensignes of the Corporation, now in the Castle, which Mr *Copley* their Recorder, shall upon view and perusall, declare to belong unto them, together also with the Church Plate, he giving a perfect List thereof to the Generall. That the Records of the Dutchy may still remain and be reserved in the Castle, as formerly they have been: and all private men may carry away Deeds, and Evidences now in their proper custodies in the Castle respectively.

XII. That the inhabitants of *Pontefract* or any other persons now in the Castle shall not be charged with a deeper proportion of Assessments, then others of equall Estates; but upon complaint made, shall have equall hearing and like relieſe as others in the like cases.

XIII. That the severall owners of any goods now remaining and to be left in the Castle, shall upon the sale or disposing as thereof, have the first refusall thereof, at such reasonable rates others will give for the same, in case they come to desire the the same within seven dayes after the rendition of the Castle.

XIIII. That when the Officers, Souldiers, and others shall march away, the Army shall be drawn off to a covenient distance, leaving in the Town the Convoy, those Assigned to take and keep possession of the Castle, and a number proportionable to the strength of the enemy, who shall offer no wrong or violence, as the *Generall* shall be pleased to appoint the same.

FINIS.